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Education

Opening of Group III (Natural Science) of the B.A. Pass Course in the Ceded Districts College, Anantapur.

*1601 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether provision is being made in the coming budget for the opening of Group III (Natural Science) of the B.A. Pass Course in the Ceded Districts College, Anantapur?

A.—No.

Action taken on the report of Mr. Statham on elementary and secondary education.

*1602 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state what action the Government have taken or propose to take on the report of Mr Statham on the question of—

(a) Elementary education; and
(b) Secondary education?

A.—(a) *Elementary education.*—The revision of the Madras Elementary Education Act, 1920, with reference to the recommendations of Mr. Statham, is under the consideration of Government.

(b) *Secondary education.*—The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer to clauses (c) and (d) of question No. 618 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 18th October 1927. The recommendations in the report regarding grants-in-aid and subsidies are still under consideration.

Training of rural school teachers in scientific agriculture.

*1603 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Committee mentioned in the answer to question No. 667 answered on 19th October 1927 as having formed to work out the details of training of rural school teachers in scientific agriculture has submitted its report;

(b) if so whether it will be placed on the table of the House; and

(c) what action he proposes to take thereon?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Committee has not yet submitted its report.

Concessions to girls in secondary schools.

*1604 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) what the approximate cost to Government would be of exempting poor girls reading up to the III form from paying school fees in accordance with the resolution on the subject passed in the Council on the 5th of November last; and

(b) whether the Government propose to compensate the aided schools for the loss of fee income resulting from such exemption being given by them?